GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DIFFERENCE IN FREIGHT RATES OF COAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a big difference in freight rates of coal movement in different zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the impact on profitability of coal companies;

(d) whether the Government propose to rationalise rail freight rates for coal movement; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) No Sir. Freight structure for coal is uniform over all Zonal Railways.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

(d) & (e): As per Railway Budget 2002-03, freight structure for all commodities, including coal, is proposed to be rationalised. Classification of coal is proposed to be revised from existing trainload class 130 A to Class 130.